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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA AND SPECIAL SESSION

1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR LIMA NAC MEETING, I
MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE AUGUST 21 TO
UNDERLINE GENERAL US GOALS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION
AND 30TH UNGA AS STATED PARAS 1 AND 2 STATE 191465.
DJERMAKOYE AFFIRMED GON'S INTEREST IN SPECIAL SESSION
AND ITS HOPES THAT REALISM AND COOPERATION RATHER THAN
CONFRONTATION WOULD CHARACTERIZE RICH-POOR DIALOGUE ON
INCREASINGLY PRESSING WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES. ON
KOREAN PROBLEMS AT LIMA AND NEW YORK DJERMAKOYE SAID
THAT NIGER DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE A COMMITMENTXN
VOTES UNTIL IT SEES HOW VARIOUS ISSUES AFFECTING
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KOREAS WILL BE FRAMED. IN EXPLAINED OUR SPECIAL

PROBLEMS WITH HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARA 1 A AND 1 B OF STATE 195240.

2. DJERMAKOYE SAID NIGER IS INCREASINGLY AWARE THAT IT CANNOT "SYSTEMATICALLY VOTE AGAINST A COUNTRY WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" (READ SOUTH KOREA) AND NOTED IN PASSING THAT NORTH KOREA, WHERE BOTH CHINESE AND SOVIETS ARE PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE, DOES NOT HAVE VERY CONVINCING CREDENTIALS AS POTENTIAL MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED. AT SAME TIME DJERMAKOYE PLEADED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF NIGER'S "VER DELICATE POSITION" ON ISSUES LIKE KOREA AT UN AND IN AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS WHERE ITS VOICE IS FEEBLE AND WHERE PRESSURES TO JOIN A CONSENSUS ARE PARTICULARLY STRONG. CRITICISM OF FRANCE AT OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD BOTHERED NIGER WHICH WANTS TO MAINTAIN BEST POSSIBLE FRENCH-NIGERIAN TIES. YET NIGER HAS NO REAL LEVERAGE IN SUCH GATHERINGS AND IS USUALLY CONSTRAINED TO SWIM WITH TIDE.

3. UPON OF DJERMAKOYE'S REMARKS IS THAT WHILE GON HAS PROBABLY NOT STUDIED HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN DETAIL, IT IS HAVING SOME SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ITS PRO-NORTH KOREA POSITION AT LAST UNGA. CONSEQUENTLY, NIGER IS NOT NECESSARILY FROZEN INTO OLD POSITIONS AND THERE MAY, DEPENDING ON HOW OTHER AF'S LINE UP, BE SOME PROSPECT AT LAST FOR ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS IT NOW STANDS. GON WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN COMPROMISE APPROACHES. IF ISSUE OF ADMITTING BOTH KOREAS ARISES AT NAC, GIVEN APPARENT DESIRE TO TREAT TWO KOREAS EQUALLY, WE SEE A REASONABLY GOOD CHANCE THAT GON WOULD VOTE FOR SOUTH KOREA'S PARTICIPATION. IF VOTE TO ADMIT NORTH KOREA ALONE, GON WOULD PROBABLY FEEL IMPELLED TO SUPPORT UNLESS THERE ARE LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICANS OPPOSING OR ABSTAINING. HECK

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